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Monday
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Staff meeting.

Phil Ryan came to see me to tell me about his recent trip to Korea.

I went to the Metropolitan Club and later was photographed with a group of local IIA European area employees who had come from Spain, Great Britain, southern Ireland, Australia, and elsewhere.

Ed Martin talked to me about [redacted] USA problems.

I went down to the Capitol to see Harry Byrd. He is concerned over the question of eligibility to Cabinet posts of those of the Eisenhower nominees who not only have stock holdings but also have been officers and have retirement rights in companies which have large contracts with the Government. This is particularly applicable to Charlie Wilson and others [redacted] designated for posts in the Department of Defense.

Allen Dulles came to my house tonight. He does not yet know whether he is to be appointed Director of CIA to replace Bedell Smith. He is not personally [redacted] keen about the job since, if he took it, it would mean devoting himself to it for the rest of his active life, and severing his connection with the varied occupations which interest him.

Tonight we went to dine with General and Mrs. Bradley. They had the Lovetts as guests of honor and there was a large number of people present. From their house at Fort Myer one enjoys a wonderful view of the City of Washington. He is an [redacted] exceptional man and she is charming.

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